

Subject : A Trip to Lviv, Ukr SSR in July 1964

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1. Source is Canadian of Ukrainian descent, female, aged approx. 60, of average intelligence and quite good memory. A typical housewife, active in Canadian Ukrainian social life. In the Ukraine she visited her relatives (brother and his family). She was booked for 10 days at the hotel Inturist in Lviv but after her arrival succeeded in obtaining a permission to stay with her brother. Her journey in Europe she made by train, via Warsaw. Source's brother is a former active member of Ukrainian resistance who spent 10 years in Siberia. At the present he is employed in a store. Source brought some general information that added nothing particularly new to the depicting of present situation in the Ukraine, nevertheless some parts of it seem to be worthwhile of mentioning :

2. A Strike in the kolhosp Rudnyky near Berezhany, Western Ukraine

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End May or early June 1964 a strike broke out in the collective farm in RUDNYKY, in protest against decreasing of household plots of kolhospnyky. On initiative of ~~the~~ collective farm chairman geometrists began to "measure off " household plots. The peasants protested but could not stop them. Then they chose a delegation and sent it to Kiev. In Kiev they were promised by the government that everything will be fine, their plots will remain intact, and they should go home. In the meantime geometrists from rayon continued to "measure off". In view of that, peasants went on strike. For four days they were sitting in the street without doing anything in the collective farm. Neither cattle nor poultry were fed.

Finally, on 4th day there arrived "lords" from Kiev. They listened to kolhospnyks and assured them that no one will take ~~their~~ any part of their

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household plots away, and the promise was kept ,at least so far. The peasants of RUdnyky won a victory.

3. Local Ukrainian element in militia - according to Source's brother - is quite strong in Lviv and other oblasts of Western Ukraine. In case of "something happening" they will be surely on the side of the people.

4. Soviet Air Force trains how to bomb New York and other cities in this country . Source was told it by a relative of her, a Captain in the Soviet Air Forces. His appraisal of strength between the USA and USSR was as 100: 75.

5. Bad food-supply in Lviv. There was a shortage of foods in Lviv. Bread was very bad . People talked that Khrushchev should have declared that theUSA sent them instead of wheat only bran. Source was shocked by drabness of collective farms and fields in the Ukraine as contrasted with relatively well cultivated fields in Poland.

6. Emigration. All were particularly interested in what was doing youth, what were its ambitions, feelings, and attitude to the Ukraine.

An official of Oblvykonkom (headed by Stefanyk, Semen) , in a private conversation expressed the view that " those abroad should not think that they will participate in reconstruction of Ukraine when this time comes. They should know that we can do it ourselves".

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